



We are a welcoming Christian community which embraces all people.
We support each other to grow in faith and create a loving and
compassionate community.
We aspire to live as Christ's witnesses of God's unconditional love.



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 30 - 3 - 25 LAETARE ('REJOICE') SUNDAY

LAST TUESDAY'S LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICE AND LINDFIELD UNITING CHURCH



*Please be at the third and final Service which
our parish will be hosting at our Lindfield
church on Tuesday 8th April at 7:30pm. If
you can please bring a plate for supper.*



Click on this hotlink box on
our website
(www.lindfieldkillara.org.au)
for a variety of ways to enter
this time of Lent
and also
for our Easter celebration
timetable.

Right: The
gathering of
our Seniors'
Social group
the week
before last.
The gatherings
take place on
the third
Friday of every
month at 11am



(however there will be no gathering in April
as it would fall on Good Friday).

Half way

Today we reach the mid-point of Lent - three weeks
have passed, three weeks remain.

How will we use that time for renewing our
discipleship? The hotlink box (depicted to the left) on
our website gives a number of resources and options.

How about these two in particular:

◆ Can you just set 10 minutes aside
each day (or at least some days) for a
gentle guided prayer time on your
phone or laptop at:

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

and

explore more prayer resources at

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/discover>



◆ Please come along to weekday Mass
with its rich offering of Scripture
readings for Lent and our meeting
with the Lord in the Eucharist.

COMING UP AS EASTER APPROACHES:

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

We will have a celebration of the **Second
(Communal) Rite of Reconciliation** in our Killara
church on **Wednesday 9th April at 7:00pm.**



Reconciliation

Please make use of the beautiful
sacrament of God's mercy during
Lent. The sacrament is available
each Saturday in our two
churches. Once Holy Week begins
there will be no times for
Reconciliation as by then our
Easter preparations should be
concluded.

LENTEN ECUMENICAL SERVICES

Our final Ecumenical Service for this
Lent will be hosted by our parish.
Please be there to welcome and
worship God with our sisters and
brothers:



Tuesday 8th April 7:30pm
at Holy Family Catholic Church, Lindfield
Preacher: Rev. Chris Goringe
(please bring a plate for supper)

*As we gather in worship on this day we acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which our parish is found.
We pay our respects to Elders past and present.*

*This week: Joshua 5: 9-12; 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21; Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32
Next week: Isaiah 43: 16-21; Philippians 3: 8-14; John 8: 1-11*



The parable of the Prodigal Son is perhaps the most beautiful and powerful in all the Gospels. It's rich with meaning and not a single word or image is wasted – every part of it has something to say and no matter how many times we hear it we can hear something new if we remain open to it. Just a few of those non-wasted words and images are:

- the son thinks of all the ways he can try to convince his father to take him back, but as he makes his approach the parable says of the father that '**he ran to the boy**'.
- the elder son never directly acknowledges a relationship: he begins his tirade without even addressing his father as '*father*', saying:

'Look, all these years...'. Then he refers to his brother as 'this son of yours.' In other words he never calls his father 'father' and he never calls his brother 'brother'.

- by contrast the father only ever uses relational words: of the first son he says '**this son of mine** was lost and is found' and in response to the elder son's tirade he begins: '**My son**, you are with me always...but **this brother of yours**'

This is Lent's call to us as it invites us to a change of heart: to replace our sense of acting out of duty, obligation and regulation (and our judgement of others on that same basis) with a starting point that is based on relationship: a relationship with God, and a relationship of love with our sisters and brothers.

Fr Colin

Making our churches beautiful for Easter - can you help us?



As you know we always put a lot of effort into making our two churches beautiful for Easter – but it comes at a substantial cost to the parish.

Can you help us with the costs of our Easter flower arrangements? If you can, could you please respond as soon as possible so that we can determine what our budget for Easter flowers will be.

You can either contact the Parish Office, or email Karen (at accounts@lindfieldkillara.org.au) who can assist you with your donation, or you can use this QR code: .



(Scan the code & on the page which opens tap on 'Biller Code' which opens a drop-down menu. Scroll down and select 'Flowers Fund'. Enter your details, click 'Next' and you can then donate via your credit card).

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

will be celebrated in our parish by Bishop Anthony Randazzo on Friday 13th June.

Enrolments for the preparation programme are now open. You can find out more about the preparation programme and also find the link for enrolments by going to our website (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) and clicking on 'Sacraments' and then on 'Children's Sacraments'.



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Food for the spirit

GOD'S PLEASURE IN OUR ACTION

Whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that their works may be clearly seen as done in God. (Jn 3:21)

In the six months I underwent treatment for cancer, I was working on a reduced schedule. The medical treatments, while somewhat debilitating, left me still enough health and energy to carry on the administrative duties in my present ministry, but they didn't allow me any extra energy to teach classes or to offer any lectures, workshops, or retreats at outside venues, something I normally do.

I joked with my family that I was "under house arrest"; but I was so grateful for the energy that I still had that my inability to teach and give lectures was not a sacrifice. I was focused on staying healthy, and the health that I was given was something I appreciated as a great grace.

A month later the medical treatments ended and, soon after, most of my normal energies returned and I resumed a normal schedule that included again teaching in a classroom. Having been on the sidelines for a half year left me a little nervous as I entered the classroom for my first three-hour session. My nervousness passed quickly as the class robustly engaged the topic and, after the three hours I walked out of the class feeling a wonderful energy that I hadn't felt for six months. Teaching (which I consider both my profession and my vocation) lifted both my heart and my body in a way that it hadn't been lifted in months. It was the missing tonic.

At first, I felt some anxiety and guilt about this. What really triggered that wonderful feeling and burst of energy? Narcissism? Pride? Was I basking in the capacity to demonstrate some cleverness and learning, and then drink in the students' admiration? Did I feel good because my ego got stroked? Was my teaching really about furthering God's kingdom or about stoking my ego?

I'm not alone with these questions. They are valid for anyone who draws energy from their work, especially if, because of that work, he or she drinks in a fair amount of adulation. Our motivations are never completely pure. Indeed, if we are fully honest with ourselves, we have to admit that there is always some degree of self-serving in our service of others. But, mixed as our motives will always be, something else, something much more positive, needs to be factored into this, namely, the fact that God gave us our various talents and feels good about us using them.

Eric Liddell, the Olympic runner, whose story is featured in the Oscar-winning movie, *Chariots of Fire*, once made this

comment: "When I run, I feel God's pleasure." He didn't make this comment lightly. As his biography and *Chariots of Fire* make clear, Eric Liddell, in his quest to win an Olympic gold medal was motivated more by his faith than by his own ego. His faith had him believe that, since God gave him this unique talent, God, not unlike any proud parent, took a genuine delight in seeing him use that gift. In his heart he sensed that God was pleased whenever he exercised that talent to its optimum. Moreover, that inner sense that God was happy with his use of his talent filled him, Eric, with a wonderful energy whenever he ran.

Seen from that perspective, we see that the root & source of his motivation & pleasure in running was, ultimately, not his desire to win gold medals & popular adulation, though clearly no one is immune to these. Rather he was motivated by an inner sense that God had given him a special gift, that God wanted him to use that gift to its fullest, and that God was happy when he optimised that gift.

Like everyone else who is human, he, no doubt, enjoyed the adulation he received for his successes, but he knew too that the deepest joy he felt in using his gift had its ultimate source in God and not his own ego.

And this, I believe, is true for every one of us. When anyone uses properly the gifts that God gave him or her, God will take pleasure in that. After all God gave us that gift and that gift was given us for a reason.

Not long after I felt that burst of pleasure and energy from again teaching inside a classroom, I was talking to a colleague, a very gifted young teacher just beginning his teaching career. He shared about how much he enjoys teaching but how he worries too that the pleasure he derives from it is somehow too much connected to his ego. I gave him the Liddell quote, assuring him that, whenever he teaches well, God takes pleasure in it. He much appreciated Liddell's comment.

And so should we all. We shouldn't feel guilty for exercising the gifts that God gave us, even though our motivations will never be completely pure. Whenever we use a God-given talent to do something well, God takes pleasure in it ... and so too should we.

Fr Ron Rolheiser OMI (from the Centre for Liturgy, University of St Louis)

HELP US TO MAKE OUR EASTER BEAUTIFUL - PLEASE BE PART OF OUR EASTER CHOIR

Our Easter Choir will sing on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Mass of the Easter Vigil. To ensure we are well prepared there will be three rehearsals. If you wish to sing please attend **all** rehearsals:



- ♦ **TODAY** Sunday 30th March 2pm to 4pm at Lindfield Church
- ♦ Sunday 6th April 2pm to 4pm at Lindfield Church
- ♦ Sunday 13th April 2pm to 4pm at Lindfield Church

Rehearsals start promptly so please arrive 10 minutes early to get settled.

We look forward to contributing the beauty of these wonderful celebrations through our music.

Please bring your voice to these rehearsals to help us praise God and lift one another's hearts this Easter !

Please let us know that you'll be a part of the Easter choir so that we can have music ready for you:
contact Catherine Willis at catherinecwillis@gmail.com

Hymns for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

ENTRANCE: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST OUR SAVIOUR

Refrain Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;
you are the Word who leads us into light;
you are the Word who brings us through the desert:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! **R**

You are the Word who calls us to be servants;
you are the Word whose only law is love;
you are the Word – made flesh who lives among us:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! **R**

*Bernadette Farrell ©1986,2012, OCP.**

DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: WITH A JOYFUL HEART

Refrain With a joyful heart, O Lord my God,
I bring all to you.

Behold, O Lord, this bread
which we now carry to your altar.
This bread will become your body. **R**

Behold, O Lord, this wine;
accept and bless it for our gladness.
This wine will become your blood. **R**

We come to you, O Lord;
we bring the gifts that you have made,
the gifts we return to you. **R**

*Lucien Deiss ©1970, World Library Publications**

COMMUNION: THIS DAY GOD GIVES ME

This day God gives me, strength from high heaven,
sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth,
flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness,
depths of the ocean, firmness of earth.

This day God sends me strength as my steersman,
might to uphold me, wisdom as guide.

Your eyes are watchful, your ears are list'ning,
your lips are speaking, friend at my side.

God's way is my way, God's shield is round me.
God's host defends me, saving from ill.

Angels of heaven, drive from me always,
all that would harm me, stand by me still.

Rising I thank you, mighty and strong One,
King of creation, giver of rest,
firmly confessing Threeness of Persons,
Oneness of Godhead, Trinity blest.

*James Quinn ©1969,1994, OCP.**

RECESSIONAL: TELL OUT MY SOUL

*(this hymn is based on Our Lady's Magnificat, her joyful
acclamation upon visiting her cousin Elizabeth: an
appropriate hymn for this Laetare - Rejoice - Sunday)*

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise of his word;
In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age to same;
His holy Name - the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight
The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
To children's children and for evermore!

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Killara Morning Tea

on the 1st Sunday of each month
after 9:00am Mass:



We would like 2 to 4 more people joining
our Morning Tea roster; if you could help
twice each year please email

parishoffice@lindfieldkillara.org.au

PROJECT COMPASSION....



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is at the heart of
Lent with its
opportunity for
real Lenten
sacrifice which
is turned into aid

for those most in need in our world.
You can use the boxes or envelopes or
go online at caritas.org.au/project-compassion or call 1300 024413

A way to keep the Jubilee Year here in the Diocese of Broken Bay

Bishop Anthony has established three 'Jubilee Shrines' in our diocese—a Shrine of Hope for Young People at Chatswood, dedicated to Blessed Carlo Acutis; a Shrine of Hope for Families at Gosford, dedicated to Pope St John Paul II, and a Shrine of Hope for Vocations and Priestly Ministry at Manly, dedicated to St John Vianney.



The (pictured) Jubilee booklets are near the church doors)
Inside you'll find a 'Jubilee Passport' which can be used as follows:

- * Jubilee Passports can be stamped at each Shrine and at our Cathedral at Waitara to acknowledge visit and time of prayer within (pre-book your visit with the respective parish office so that someone will be available to stamp your passport).
- * once all three Shrines and our Cathedral, with respective stamps, have been visited, a Pilgrim's passport is "complete".
- * pilgrims then have their passports verified at their own Parish Office.
- * each Parish will notify Mission Broken Bay with the names of those pilgrims who have completed their passports so that they may receive a special commemorative certificate signed by Bishop Anthony.



**Perhaps this is a pilgrimage that
you could make either as an
individual or as a family over
several weekends this Jubilee year.**

We fast from the joyful words of the Gloria during these days of Lent as we prepare our hearts & our community to celebrate the saving death & resurrection of Jesus

THE PSALM Ps 33:2-7

I will bless the Lord at all times,
God's praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise God's name.
I sought the Lord and God answered me;
from all my terrors God set me free.

Look towards the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor one called; the Lord heard
and rescued me from all my distress.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
(all bow at the following words in bold):
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand
of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Luke 15:18)

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have
sinned against heaven and against you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!



FR RICHARD ROHR OFM'S MEDITATION:

MYSTICS OF THE RHINE VALLEY V:

HILDEGARD OF BINGEN: A MULTI-TALENTED MYSTIC

I burn in the sun and the moon and the stars. The secret Life of Me breathes in the wind and holds all things together soulfully.

—Hildegard of Bingen, *Book of Divine Works* 1.1.2

CAC affiliate faculty member Carmen Acevedo Butcher describes the extraordinary life of Hildegard of Bingen:

Between the summer of 1098 and the autumn of 1179, a remarkable German woman lived eighty-one years at a time when half that long was considered a full life. The Über-multitasking Frau, this Benedictine nun founded two convents; organised the first-ever public preaching tours conducted by a woman; authored nearly four hundred bold letters to popes, emperors, abbesses, abbots, monks, nuns, and laypeople; worked as healer, naturalist, botanist, dietary specialist, and exorcist; composed daring music; crafted poetry with staying power; wrote the first surviving sung morality play; and spent decades writing three compelling theological works. Meet the incomparable Hildegard of Bingen. Her long resume is impressive in any age, but it pales when compared with her life, which she considered her best divine offering.

Acevedo Butcher highlights Hildegard's passion for music as a pathway to God:

A multi-faceted artist, Hildegard was not only an author and a talented visual designer, but a musician of note. Her allegiance to God through her music is one of the strongest refrains in her life. She believed music was necessary for salvation, because it was the best representation of the state

of humanity before the Fall. If a person wanted to know what it felt like to be alive before the Fall, Hildegard believed holy music could take you there, as she writes in her famous letter to the Prelates of Mainz:

Music stirs our hearts and engages our souls in ways we can't describe. When this happens, we are taken beyond our earthly banishment back to the divine melody Adam knew when he sang with the angels, when he was whole in God, before his exile. In fact, before Adam refused God's fragrant flower of obedience, his voice was the best on earth, because he was made by God's green thumb, who is the Holy Spirit. And if Adam had never lost the harmony God first gave him, the mortal fragilities that we all possess today could never have survived hearing the booming resonance of that original voice.

Hildegard's songs often praised God's presence in creation:

*O Holy Power who forged the Way for us!
You penetrate all in heaven and earth & even down below.
You're everything in One.
Through You, clouds billow and roll and winds fly!
Seeds drip juice,
springs bubble into brooks, and spring's refreshing greens
flow-through You-over all the earth!
You also lead my spirit into Fullness.
Holy Power, blow wisdom in my soul and—with your
wisdom—Joy!*

(from Hildegard's Sequence O ignis Spiritus paracliti [O fire of the Spirit].

SUNDAY MASS

Killara Church :

5:30pm Vigil 9.00am*

Lindfield Church

6.00pm Vigil 8.30 am 10.15am **

12 noon Chinese Mass 6:00pm Youth Mass***

* Morning Tea follows the 9am Mass at Killara on the 1st Sundays

** The 10:15am Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays is a Children's Mass, featuring our Children's Choir (followed by morning tea).

*** On the 3rd Sunday of the month the 6pm Youth Mass is followed by a Parish Pot Luck Dinner in St Brigid's Hall.

WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK

FOURTH WEEK IN LENT

Mon. 8am Killara
Tues. 8am Killara
Wed. 10am Lindfield
Thurs. 10am Lindfield
Fri. 10am Lindfield

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays for 15 mins after Vigil Mass at Killara

Saturdays 5.15 - 5.45pm at Lindfield

THE ORDINARIATE OF OUR LADY OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS (GATHERING IN OUR CHURCH AT KILLARA):

Mass

Wednesday 6pm (preceded by Exposition from 5pm)

Thursday 9am Friday 9am Sunday 12 noon

Evensong

4th Sunday of the month 4pm

SUNDAY MASS ROSTER

Saturday		29 Mar.	5 Apr.
Lindfield	6:00 pm	Fr Colin	Fr Hien
Killara	5:30 pm	Fr Stephen	Fr Colin
Sunday		30 Mar.	6 Apr.
Lindfield	8:30 am	Fr Colin	Fr Stephen
Killara	9:00 am	Fr Anselam Lakra	Fr Colin
Lindfield	10:15 am	Fr Colin	Fr Hien
Lindfield	12:00 pm	Fr Anselam Lakra	Fr Hien
Lindfield	6:00pm	Fr Colin	Fr Colin

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For all of our staff click on 'Our Parish' on the website.

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Ways that you can support our parish

◆ DIRECT DEBIT CONTRIBUTIONS from your bank a/c:

1st Collection: (providing for the priests of the parish and diocese): BSB 062 784 Ac 10000 1624

2nd Collection: (providing for all the operating costs of the parish): BSB 062 784 Ac 10000 1623

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◆ PERIODIC PAYMENTS FROM YOUR CREDIT CARD: just click on the hotlink box entitled 'Supporting parish finances' on our homepage (www.lindfieldkillara.org.au) or email accounts@lindfieldkillara.org.au for assistance.

◆ The TAP MACHINES are available in our two churches.



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PARISH DIARY

Every Wednesday:

8:00am

Meditation (online)

Every Friday:

9:00am

Playgroup

APRIL

Wed. 2nd

11:00am

Scripture study (online)

Thurs. 3rd

7:30pm

Lenten Study Group (online)

Sun. 6th

9:00am

Morning tea after 9am Mass

Tues. 8th

7:30pm

Lenten Ecumenical Service III

Wed. 9th

7:00pm

Second Rite of Reconciliation

Thurs. 10th

7:30pm

Lenten Study Group (online)

Sun. 13th

PALM SUNDAY

THE BEGINNING OF HOLY WEEK

OUR CHINESE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

四旬期第四主日 30.03.2025

讀經一

(天主的子民進了預許之地，過逾越節。)

恭讀若蘇厄書 5:9, 10-12

那時候，上主對若蘇厄說：「今天我由你身上，消除了埃及的恥辱。」

以色列子民在基耳加耳紮營。正月十四日晚上，在耶里哥平原，舉行了逾越節。逾越節次日，他們吃了當地的出產，即在那一天，吃了無酵餅和火烤的麥子。

他們吃了當地出產的次日，「瑪納」就停止了。以色列子民既沒有「瑪納」，那年，就以客納罕地的出產為生。

—— 上主的話。 (默想片刻)

答唱詠 詠 34 (33):2-7

【答】：請你們體驗 請你們觀看：上主是何等的和藹慈善！(詠34:9)

領：我要時時讚美上主；我的口舌不斷讚頌上主；願我的心靈，因上主而自豪。願謙卑的人聽到，也都歡喜雀躍。【答】

領：請你們同我一起讚揚上主，讓我們齊聲頌揚他的名字。我尋求了上主，他俯聽了我的祈求：由我受的一切驚惶中，將我救出。

【答】

領：你們瞻仰他，要喜形於色；你們的面容，絕不會羞愧。卑微人一呼號，上主立即俯允，並且救拔他，脫離一切艱辛。【答】

讀經二

(天主在基督內，使世界與自己和好。)

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致格林多人後書 5:17-21

姊妹弟兄們：

誰若在基督內，他就是一個新受造物，舊的已成過去，看，都成了新的。這一切都是出於天主；他曾藉基督，使我們與他自己和好，並將這和好的職務，賜給了我們；這就是說：天主在基督內，使世界與自己和好，不再追究他們的過犯，且將和好的話，放在我們口中。所以，我們是代基督作大工作了，好像是天主藉著我們，來勸勉世人。

我們現在代基督請求你們：與天主和好！因為他曾使那不認識罪的，替我們成了罪，好叫我們在他內，成為天主的正義。

—— 上主的話。 (默想片刻)

福音前歡呼 (路15:18)

領：基督，天主聖言，願光榮歸於你。

【眾】：基督，天主聖言，願光榮歸於你。

領：我要起身，到我父親那裡去，並且要給他說：父親！我得罪了天，也得罪了你。

【眾】：基督，天主聖言，願光榮歸於你。

福音 (你這個弟弟死而復生，失而復得。)

恭讀聖路加福音 15:1-3, 11-32

那時候，稅吏及罪人，都來接近耶穌，為聽

他講道。法利塞人及經師竊竊私議，說：「這個人與罪人交往，又同他們吃飯。」

耶穌於是對他們設了這個比喻，說：「一個人，有兩個兒子，那小的，向父親說：父親，請把我應得的一份家產，分給我吧！父親於是把產業，分給他們。過了不多幾天，小兒子把所有的一切，都收拾起來，就往遠方去了。他在那裡荒淫度日，耗盡他的錢財。」

「當他把所有的，都揮霍盡了以後，那地方正遇著大荒年，他便開始窮困起來。他去投靠當地一個居民；那人打發他，到自己的莊田裡，去放豬。他恨不得拿豬吃的豆莢，來果腹，可是，沒有人給他。」

「他反躬自問：我父親有多少傭工，都口糧豐盛，我在這裡，反要餓死！我要起身，到我父親那裡去，並且要給他說：父親！我得罪了天，也得罪了你。我不配再稱作你的兒子；請把我當作你的一個傭工吧！他便起身，到他父親那裡去了。」

「他離的遠遠的時候，他父親就看見了他，動了憐憫的心，跑上前去，擁抱他，熱情地親吻他。」

「兒子向他父親說：父親，我得罪了天，也得罪了你，我不配再稱作你的兒子！」

「他父親卻吩咐自己的僕人，說：你們快拿出上等的長袍，給他穿上，把戒指戴在他手上，給他穿上鞋，再把那隻肥牛犢牽來，宰了；我們應吃喝歡宴，因為我這個兒子，是死而復生，失而復得了。他們就歡宴起來。」

「那時，他的長子，正在田裡。當他回來，快到家的時候，聽見有奏樂及歌舞的聲音，於是叫一個僕人過來，問他這是什麼事。」

「僕人向他說：你弟弟回來了。你父親因為見他無恙歸來，便為他宰了那隻肥牛犢。長子就發怒，不肯進去。他父親於是出來，勸解他。」

「他回答父親說：你看，這些年來，我服事你，從未違背過你的命令，而你從未給過我一隻小山羊，讓我同我的朋友們歡宴；但你這個兒子，同娼妓耗盡了你的財產，他一回來，你反而為他宰了那隻肥牛犢。」

「父親給他說：孩子！你常同我在一起，凡我所有的，都是你的；只因為你這個弟弟，死而復生，失而復得，我們應當歡宴喜樂！」

—— 上主的話。 (講道後默想片刻)

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Pass the word on !



ABOUT PALM SUNDAY (13TH APRIL) - PLEASE READ THIS !

1. Once again we're going to need your help to ensure that we have palms for our community for Palm Sunday. Do you (or a friend) have some palms trees? Could you bring them - cut down to individual person's size (~15cm segments of the branch) - in time for Palm Sunday? Please bring them to drop off in the baskets provided in our two churches on 6th April (the Sunday before Palm Sunday).



2. And a reminder that, as usual, members of the congregation at Lindfield Uniting Church will join us for a common blessing of palms and so the 10:15am Mass on 13th April WILL START AT THE EARLIER TIME OF 10:00AM.



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Could you consider your parish community? In recent years our parish has benefitted enormously from several bequests, large and small. The Shirley Wallace Bequest of course gave us our Parish Centre, which is now so much a part of parish life. Another bequest enabled us to install solar power on Lindfield church, providing clean and cheap energy by day to the Parish Centre as well as the church.

A bequest may also be a way to commemorate a loved one.

Any bequest, large or small, can bring benefits to our parish. If you wish to do this please ensure that the bequest is made to 'The Catholic Parish of Lindfield-Killara'.



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We'll be meeting at Circular Quay wharf 4 at 10:30am and will be making our way by ferry to do the Cremorne Point to Mosman Bay walk.

After our walk, we'll be going back to Circular Quay by ferry to have lunch!

Please contact Kate on 0418 864 020 if you'd like to come!

Young Adults - Join our FB Group!!

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